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1. NEW ZEALAND DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
TALLBOYS MET WITH EC COMMISSIONERS GUNDELACH, HAFERKAMP
AND TUGENDHAT ON MARCH 6-7. NEW ZEALAND OFFICIALS TELL
US THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF TALLBOYS' VISIT WAS AN
HOUR LONG MEETING WITH GUNDELACH. THIS MEETING FOCUSED
ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY ON THE STILL UNCOMPLETED COMMISSION
PROPOSAL FOR A CAP FOR SHEEPMET. THE EC IS QUOTE UNDER
THE GUN UNQUOTE TO INSTALL A CAP ON SHEEPMET SINCE EXIST-
ING NATIONAL IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ARE NOW ILLEGAL (SINCE
JANUARY 1, 1978). NEW ZEALAND OFFICIALS INDICATED THAT
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THEY STILL HAD SOME PROBLEMS WITH THE COMMISSION'S PLANS
IN THE SHEEPMET SECTOR BUT THEY SEEMED TO BE GENERALLY
PLEASED WITH THE RESULTS OF THE MEETING. THEY INDICATED
THAT THE CONSULTATIVE PROCESS ON SHEEPMET WOULD BE
CONTINUED AS THE COMMISSION PROPOSAL PROCEEDS THROUGH THE
EC INSTITUTIONAL MACHINERY. THE COMMISSION PROPOSAL IS
EXPECTED TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL LATER THIS MONTH.

2. NEW ZEALAND OFFICIALS SAID THAT ONLY GENERAL REMARKS WERE MADE CONCERNING THE MTN IN TALLBOYS' MEETINGS. GUNDELACH REPORTEDLY SAID THAT THE U.S. NEEDED TO SHOW MORE FLEXIBILITY IN THE NEGOTIATIONS AND WAS HOPEFUL THAT HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON WOULD PUSH THE U.S. IN THIS DIRECTION (REFTEL). NEW ZEALAND AND THE EC OFFICIALS ALSO EXPRESSED SATISFACTION THAT THEIR POSITIONS WERE FAIRLY CLOSE WITH RESPECT TO AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON DAIRY.

3. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING, NEW ZEALAND AND COMMISSION OFFICIALS PLEDGED TO CONTINUE TO COLLABORATE CLOSELY ON AGRICULTURAL TRADE PROBLEMS. THE COMMISSION OFFERED TO MEET AGAIN WITH NEW ZEALAND OFFICIALS AFTER THE EASTER HOLIDAY TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS CONCERNING CHEESE, BUTTER AND MEAT. HINTON

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